

independent spirit about freedom, remembering our ancestors who gave their lives and gave their property so that we could have freedom and independence, and Texas could be an independent country even for 9 years.

That is why historically I think that we appreciate those people who want independence. We appreciate people who want liberty. Right now, it is those folks in Ukraine trying to keep out some dictator—I call him a dictator—President Putin of Russia.

So, Mr. Speaker, we celebrate today and honor today, March 6, because it is one of those three important days: March 2, Texas' independence; March 6, 1836, the Alamo failed, we remember those people; and then April 21, 1836, is when Texas actually got independent and started its quest into being an independent entity.

In closing, I would like to read the lyrics of a song that Marty Robbins wrote a long time ago. Mr. Speaker, you are old enough to maybe even have heard of this song, but Marty Robbins wrote it in honor of the people at the Alamo. It goes like this. It says:

In the southern part of Texas in the town of San Antonio,

There's a fortress all in ruin and the weeds have overgrown.

You may look in vain for crosses and you'll never see a one,

But sometime between the setting and the rising of the sun,

You can hear a ghostly bugle as men go marching by;

You can hear them as they answer to that roll call in the sky:

Colonel Travis, Davy Crockett, and 180 more; Captain Dickinson, Jim Bowie, stand present and accounted for.

Back in 1836, Sam Houston said to Travis: "Get some volunteers and go fortify the Alamo."

Well, the men came from Texas and from old Tennessee and a lot of other places.

They joined up with Travis just to fight for the right to be free.

Indian scouts with squirrel guns, men with muzzle loaders,

Stood together heel and toe to defend the Alamo.

"You may never see your loved ones," Travis told them that day.

"Those who want to can leave now, those who fight to the death, let 'em stay."

So in the sand he drew a line with his army sabre,

Out of 185, not a soldier crossed the line.

With his banners a-dancin' in the dawn's golden light,

Santa Anna came prancin' on a horse that was black as the night.

He sent an officer to tell Travis to surrender. Travis answered with a shell and a rousin' yell.

Santa Anna turned scarlet; play Deguello, he roared.

"I will show them no quarter, every one will be put to our sword."

185 holding back 5,000.

Five days, 6 days, 8 days, 10; Travis kept holding again and again.

Then Travis sent for replacements for his wounded and lame,

But the troops that were comin', never came, never came, never came.

So twice Santa Anna charged and then blew recall.

But on that fatal third time, Santa Anna breached the wall and he killed them one and all.

Now the bugles are silent and there is rust on each sword,

And the small band of soldiers lie asleep in the arms of the Lord.

In the southern part of Texas, near the town of San Antonio,

Like a statue on his pinto rides a cowboy all alone.

He sees the cattle grazin' where a century before,

Santa Anna's guns were blazin' and the cannons used to roar.

His eyes turn a little misty, and his heart begins to glow,

And he takes his hat off slowly to those men of the Alamo,

To the 13 days of glory at the siege of Alamo.

And, Mr. Speaker, that's just the way it is.

I yield back.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 10, 2014, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4907. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections (DFARS Case 2013-D010) (RIN: 0750-AH97) received February 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4908. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Afghanistan (DFARS Case 2013-D009) (RIN: 0750-AH98) received February 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4909. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Disclosure to Litigation Support Contractors (DFARS Case 2012-D029) (RIN: 0750-AH54) received February 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4910. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4911. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a

report on transactions involving U.S. exports to TAAG Angola Airlines of Luanda, Angola; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4912. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the FY 2012 report on activities to preserve and promote minority ownership of insured financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4913. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Alkyl Alcohol Alkoxyate Phosphate and Sulfate Derivatives; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0862; FRL-9906-24] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4914. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility State Implementations Plan Revisions; Withdrawal of Federal Implementation Plan for American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma [EPA-R06-OAR-2013-0227; FRL-9906-81-OAR] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4915. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility; State Implementation Plan Revisions; Revised BART Determination for American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma Northeastern Power Station Units 3 and 4 [EPA-R06-OAR-2013-0227; FRL-9906-93-Region 6] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4916. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review; Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0927; FRL-9906-67-Region 3] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4917. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — GS-omega/kappa-Hxtx-Hv1a; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0389; FRL-9904-92] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4918. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — N-(n-octyl)-2-pyrrolidone; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0093; FRL-9906-17] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4919. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Saflufenacil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0775 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0008; FRL-9905-87] received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4920. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls for 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4921. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report including matters relating to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4922. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's Agency Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4923. A letter from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting a Congressional Notification: Integrated Mission Management Committee and the National Intelligence Management Council; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

4924. A letter from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting a Congressional Notification: Appointment of National Intelligence Managers for Europe/Eurasia and Africa; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 311. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (Rept. 113-375). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. UPTON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BARTON, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. HALL, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 6. A bill to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 4156. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. MCINTYRE):

H.R. 4157. A bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROSKAM (for himself, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. YOHIO, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GOWDY, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. MESSER, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BYRNE, and Ms. JENKINS):

H.R. 4158. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, the Judiciary, Rules, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HOYER, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BERA of California, Ms. ESTY, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 4159. A bill to provide for investment in innovation through research and development and STEM education, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. ELLMERS:

H.R. 4160. A bill to prohibit further action on the proposed rule regarding changes to Medicare prescription drug benefit programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Ms. GRANGER):

H.R. 4161. A bill to encourage and further research on the engagement of underrepresented youth in the STEM fields; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. ROYBAL-

ALLARD, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. ENYART, and Mr. DELANEY):

H.R. 4162. A bill to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERA of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARCIA, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. KIND, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NEAL, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. OWENS, Mr. POLIS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HIMES, and Ms. ESTY):

H.R. 4163. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HURT (for himself and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama):

H.R. 4164. A bill to exempt smaller public companies from requirements relating to the use of Extensible Business Reporting Language for periodic reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 4165. A bill to protect crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 4166. A bill to transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 4167. A bill to amend section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, known as the Volcker Rule, to exclude certain debt securities of collateralized loan obligations from the prohibition against acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a hedge fund or private equity fund; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 4168. A bill to provide payment for patient navigator services under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. EDWARDS (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. KEATING, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico):

H.R. 4169. A bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 4170. A bill to provide for a Youth Mental Health Research Network; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BURGESS, Mr.